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CHAMBER DIALOGUE

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The Ozona Chamber of Commerce recognizes Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law as our Business of the Month

Jody K. Upham opened her law practice in Ozona in January 2005. She renovated the downtown building that was formerly Watson's Department Store on the corner of Avenue E and 11th Street for her offices.

Jody is a solo practitioner with over 17 years of experience in real estate, probate, guardianship, and estate planning. The focus for the firm is on client service. She works closely with judges, real estate agents and brokers, the abstract company, the appraisal district, the tax office and the clerk's office in her daily practice. These relationships are important when it comes to representing clients and dealing with all the parties related to a case or transaction.

"I enjoy the opportunity to find creative solutions for client's problems. Often my work involves building relationships between parties and finding ways to get a result that is best for my client while maintaining relationships. Many clients are dealing with other family members while addressing a legal issue, and maintaining good family relationships after the legal issues are resolved is important."

Jody also serves as the elected County Attorney and represents the state in misdemeanor criminal cases. As a prosecutor, Jody reviews offense reports and files criminal complaints against those accused of committing misdemeanor crimes, such as possession of marijuana, driving while intoxicated, and family violence. In addition to serving the community as a prosecutor, she is also the victim assistance coordinator and helps crime victims deal with the aftermath of being a victim of a crime. Jody works closely with local and state law enforcement agencies to shepherd cases through the court system.



Attorney Jody K. Upham

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Jody graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in finance. She then graduated law school from the University of Texas School of Law.

Since moving to Ozona, Upham has been an active member of the community. She is a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church, serves as a volunteer on the Ozona Community Center Board of Directors, and is an adult volunteer with Crockett County 4-H.

"I am honored to be chosen as a Chamber Business of the Month. I enjoy serving the Ozona community and look forward to many more prosperous and fulfilling years practicing here," Upham said.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize and thank Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law for her service and dedication to the community.

Jody's private practice is located at 1014 Avenue E. You can reach her at 325/392-5687. The County Attorney's office is located at 909 Avenue D. You may call 325/392-3920 or e-mail jodyupham@hotmail.com.



Ozona Chamber Hosts a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Kendra Scott Jewelry Launch Party for Small Town Glow Boutique



Friends, family and Chamber representatives gathered to celebrate a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Kendra Scott Jewelry Launch Party at Small Town Glow Boutique on Friday, May 20th. This new business carries women's and teen's clothing & jewelry.

Owner Jenny Venegas has enjoyed fashion since she was a small girl and is excited to fulfill her desire of bringing beautiful and up-to-date fashions to Ozona. Her business motto is "Finally, a Style for You."

Ozona Chamber encourages you to drop by the new shop located at 109 Bob White Drive in Ozona, Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You are also welcome to reach out by calling (325) 226-9702 or emailing jenv1243@gmail.com. Online shopping is available at www.smalltownglow.com.

What services are sought at www.Ozona.com

For the month of April at www.Ozona.com, there were 6,020 business directory searches, and 1,546 actual *member page hits*!

These are people searching for YOUR services.

Following are the members that received 10 or more page hits:

Encino RV Park - 82	Bug Express Pest Control - 17
Epic Permian Operating LLC - 60	Crockett Automotive, Inc. - 17
Ambit Energy - 45	Crockett Taxidermy & Processing - 17
Crockett County Abstract Company - 43	G's RV Park - 17
Ozona Community Center - 34	Natgas, Inc - 17
Sunoco Energy Services, LLC - 34	Treto's Tire & Towing - 17
D's Liquor Store - 33	Barnhart Shaw's General Repair - 16
CTWP Digital Solutions - 28	Redeem Construction, LLC - 16
T Nails & Spa - 28	DJH Oil & Gas, LLC - 15
Eldorado Animal Clinic - 27	King Construction & Remodel LLC - 13
Main Street Realty, Hudson Properties- Will M. Black, Realtor - 27	Ozona Insurance - 13
Plumbing by Rick, LLC - 27	X-Bar Ranch Nature Retreat & RV - 13
Shannon AirMed1 - 27	Crockett County Collision Repair - 12
Devils River Conservancy - 24	Lowe's Market - 12
Total Office Solution of West Texas - 24	Stokes Drilling LLC - 12
Wool Growers Central Storage - 21	Alejandro Tree Service - 11
Family Health Center of Ozona - 20	Red Stag Operating, LLC - 11
Ozona Cable & Broadband - 20	Travelodge - 11
Triple C RV - 20	Western Poster Service, Inc. - 11
UniFirst - 20	Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District #1 - 10
Village Barber and Beauty Shop - 20	El Chato's - 10
MAC - Mike's Auto Care - 19	Hampton Inn - 10
Bahlman Cleaners - 18	Ozona Country Club - 10
Lone Star Contracting, LLC - 18	Quality Inn - 10
Pepe's Cafe - 18	Twistflower Ranch Nature Retreat - 10
ASU - Small Business Development Center - 17	

Banner Advertising Space is Available on www.Ozona.com

A very limited amount of advertising space is now available on Ozona.com. Our homepage receives over 1,800 visitors each month. For inquiries call the Chamber office at (325) 392-3737!



Are you or someone you know looking for a job? Do you have a job to advertise?

You'll find the latest job opportunities offered by our Ozona Chamber member businesses on www.Ozona.com/Jobs. Updated weekly, it's a great place to find out what employment is available in and around Ozona.

Or, if you are looking for a new employee, why not try posting a job opening. This is a FREE service available for Ozona Chamber of Commerce members! Get more information by contacting the Chamber office at 325-392-3737 today!

Hundreds Visit Chamber Grounds for Crockett County History Day

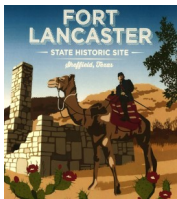
With an estimated attendance of 550 folks throughout the day, of which approximately 300 were Ozona students, we are thrilled with the success of the first-ever “Crockett County History Day” held on the Chamber grounds Friday, May 6. The event was a collaboration between Fort Lancaster and the Ozona Chamber. Jefferson Spilman, the Fort Superintendent and I agreed that the location would be ideal. What started off as an event with the beloved camels and 1850’s era soldiers quickly grew into mules, cattle, a historical Crockett County Fire Truck, a chuckwagon, BBQ lunches (provided by Mike’s Auto Care), donkeys and educational booths! We were thrilled to have booths by the Crockett County Museum, Texas Pecos Trail, Texas A&M AgriLife and Kinley Coyan, the unique “flint knapper”. The educational and thrilling environment was filled with many smiles along with great weather and delicious food.

The Ozona region of Texas has such a rich and unique history and it’s a special opportunity to be able to remind people, and especially children, of our heritage and camels, which believe it or not are a part of West Texas history! Melissa Hagins, Executive Director of the Texas Pecos Trail Region stated, “The Crockett County days were a huge success for the Texas Pecos Trail Region. It was wonderful to be able to share our partners brochures with the visitors that stopped by to check things out. We are grateful for the partnership with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and all they do to support the trail region.”

I’m grateful for all of the community support that has been instrumental in creating three very successful events in a row. Sponsorship support was great, and with this event, we even had support with a grant through the Texas Historical Commission. It takes creativity, positive collaborations, organization and vision to make successful events that bring people together in a positive environment. We need that now more than ever! History is important and the Chamber of Commerce is proud to have had the opportunity to host Crockett County History Day.

- Chamber President, Philip Walker

Thanks again to our Sponsors!



Local students are entertained with some historical music. Looks like the Camel likes it, too!



Reenactment Soldiers explain the use of frontier military weapons to Ozona Primary students.



Melissa Hagins, Executive Director of the Texas Pecos Trail Region spent a pleasant day on the Visitor Center porch .

Welcome New Members 



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What's Coming Up?

June 14 - "Lunch & Learn: Basics of Starting a New Business" hosted by the Ozona Chamber and the ASU Small Business Development Center. Visit www.Ozona.com or call 325-392-3737 for more information.

June 14 - La Esperanza Clinic at the Chamber (Call 325-947-5601 for appointment.)

July 3-4 - Crockett County Freedom Fest (Visit www.Ozona.com/Crockett-County-Freedom-Fest or call 325-226-2831 for more information.)

July 12 & August 9 - La Esperanza Clinic at the Chamber

October - Escondido Draw Recreational Area's 11th Annual Jeep Fest

December 3 - 34th Annual DeerFest Hunter Appreciation Dinner

December 8 - Evening on the Town sponsored by the Ozona Chamber

Find even more exciting events at
www.Ozona.com/Events-Calendar

Ozona Chamber Sends Our Deepest Sympathy to the Citizens of Uvalde

Although nothing we can do will erase the grief felt by the people of Uvalde, we wish to send our deepest condolences to the community, first responders, and investigation teams as they begin the long and painful road to healing and recovery following the shocking school shooting on May 24th.

If you or someone you know has been affected by this terrible tragedy, the State of Texas has provided a one-stop website to make finding assistance easier. You will find information about various organizations who are providing services to those who are grieving or who are suffering trauma. There is also information about ways that *you* can help support these fellow Texans.

To quote Governor Abbott, "The true spirit of the Lone Star State is Texans helping Texans, and we must continue supporting those working to heal in the weeks and months ahead."

www.onestarfoundation.org/uvalde

Robb School Memorial Fund



An Account has been opened at First State Bank of Uvalde for the families of Robb Elementary. If you would like to donate, you can do so at any FSB branch.

Make all checks payable to the
"Robb School Memorial Fund"

Please Mail Checks to: 200 E Nopal St.
Uvalde, TX 78801

For Zelle Donations: robbschoolmemorialfund@gmail.com



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Happy Anniversary!

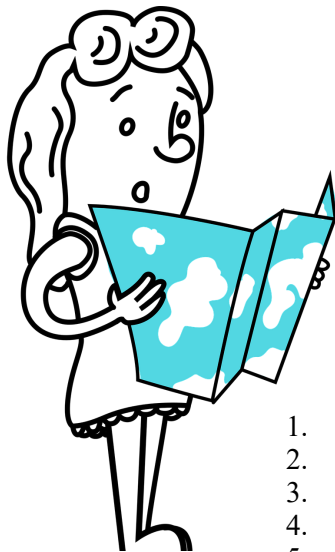


Chamber members recognized

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to wish the following members a **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**, and **THANK** them for their support of the Chamber organization, its programs and services, and their community.

We would like to recognize and express our **SINCERE** appreciation to the following members who joined during the month of June.

Bill Black Ranch - 1999
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Deaton - 2007
 Holiday Inn Express Ozona - 2008
 L & B Automotive - 2015
 Alpine Ala Carte, LLC - 2016
 J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center - 2018
 Triple C RV - 2019
 Bob Buchholz - 2021



April Chamber Visitors:

Visitor Center

-Walk-in traffic into the Visitor Center in April 2022 totaled 700 visitors, with 64 being local residents, 361 travelers from Texas, 256 from out of state, and 19 from foreign countries.

Online Visitors

-Ozona.com had 2,908 sessions from 45 countries with 5,934 page views.

-The Top 20 website pages visited were:

1. Homepage	1,744	11. History	94
2. Hunting Leases	502	12. Restaurants/Dining	85
3. Events Calendar	310	13. Lodging/RV	78
4. Photo Gallery	217	14. Public Services	76
5. Area Attractions	215	15. Airport	74
6. Hot Deals	179	16. Interesting Facts	72
7. Job Postings	149	17. Pandale Crossing	67
8. Local Attractions	102	18. Business of the Month	63
9. County Officials	97	19. Interpretive Trail	61
10. Location	96	20. Visitor Guide	56

-The Ozona Facebook pages remain active, ending April with 10,310 fans on the Chamber's Tourist page (OzonaChamber) and 832 fans on our local page (OzonaChamberBiz). ***We hope you will share our pages with your friends and family as we promote Ozona and our member businesses.***

-Our two Facebook pages received 61,679 and 16,002 total impressions of our posts respectively, reaching people from all over the world with information about Ozona. Our Twitter page ended April with 111 followers and had 738 impressions throughout the month.

Night Sky Friendly Business Recognition Program

We LOVE our starry nights! Help preserve our rural heritage!

INTRODUCING the newest recipient of the "BE A STAR" Award:

Crockett County Museum

Ozona Chamber of Commerce is happy to congratulate the Crockett County Museum for being designated as a Night Sky Friendly Business by the Texas Chapter of the International Dark Skies Association (IDATexas.org).

More and more people are discovering the West Texas region's beautiful dark skies. The impact on our local tourism dollars should not be underestimated.

Not only does the board of directors and staff of the Crockett County Museum protect our precious historical heritage, they are also proud to do their part to preserve our local dark skies.

If you see someone connected with the Museum, we encourage you to say thank you for helping Ozona develop this new form of dark sky tourism. Or give them a call at (325) 392-2837.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There is a \$3.00 admission charge per person over the age of 3.



Museum employee, Jennifer Medina, is proud to show off the new BE A STAR Award!

For Be a Star Award Info, visit:

texas.darksky.ngo/earn-the-be-a-star-award.

Try to plan to stargaze on nights that are immediately before, during or after the time of new moon. A helpful resource to help you plan your stargazing excursion is: www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases. You will find a schedule of upcoming new moons for literally years to come. Take advantage of our dark skies! You'll be glad you did!



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Out & About



Ozona Primary School students enjoyed a great place to send off the State Qualifiers as they headed to Austin to compete.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension was proud to host the Livestock Guardian Dog Field Day on May 13th.



Left: President Philip Walker spent some quality time with Carolyn McCall-Squires (Director of Membership) and Christy Spradling (Associate Membership Director) of the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association.



A family on their way from Albuquerque to Corpus Christi took advantage of the new picnic tables at the Visitor Center.



The La Esperanza Clinic made its first visit to Ozona. You can visit the clinic each month on the second Tuesday. Contact (325) 947-5601 to set up an appointment.



TPWD Executive Director Carter Smith, TPWD Videographer Karen Loke, with Philip and Laura Walker, who represented Ozona at the 2022 Lone Star Awards.



Below: A weary traveler takes a much needed rest under the shady trees in front of the Visitor Center.



The Ozona Chamber wishes you a wonderful & safe Summer!

June 21st is the 1st Day of Summer & the Summer Solstice!



Left: A solemn ceremony was held at the cemetery, honoring the many veterans of Crockett County. Afterwards, local citizens placed American flags on the graves of the veterans buried there. This is an annual ceremony held each Memorial Day. We hope you will make plans to attend next year.

Did You Know?



June 21st, the longest day of the year, is known as the Summer Solstice. It is also the first day of the summer. On this day, the sun will be at the highest point in the northern hemisphere, meaning the earth's axis will be at its maximum tilt before heading back to the opposite tilt for the Winter Solstice. During the Summer Solstice, the Arctic Circle and the North Pole will experience continuous daylight with no dark night sky. Throughout history, many cultures have celebrated holidays, festivals and rituals around the solstices. It is believed Stonehenge in England may have been built to help ancient man track the movement of the sun and to mark these days for important religious activities.

HOSA Fact Sheet

- Hospice of San Angelo is a **Non-Profit hospice** serving the Concho Valley since 1985 and came under the West Texas Rehab umbrella in 2018.
- Hospice of San Angelo provides care in **San Angelo and 15 surrounding counties.**
- Our team of medical directors are **local providers.** You can choose to continue your care with your primary care provider or utilize our medical directors.
- Once you are on Hospice of San Angelo services, you will **never** receive a bill from Hospice of San Angelo.
- Our **bereavement support** provides assistance from the time of admission and for **13 months or longer** following the death of the patient. You do not have to be a Hospice of San Angelo patient/family to benefit from our bereavement services.
- Our **Volunteers** are an integral part of the Hospice concept of care. A volunteer is chosen specifically for each family's needs, and is there to be a friend and a helper.
- We offer a **Pre-Hospice Program called Stepping Stones** which is free to anyone in the community. This program is community based and offers guidance, support, and education to the participants and their family members.



WestTexasRehab.org 325-658-6524

Holy Bat House, Batman!



Chamber Board member Paul Stroope getting a closer inspection of new and innovative bat house design by Town Lake Construction. Owner Tom Regner gave a presentation on the positive benefits of bats. Two new boxes will be installed in the Crockett County Interpretive Trail soon. Bats eat lots of insects, including mosquitoes!



Documentary Film Coming Soon!

Saltbox Productions, based in Dallas, TX, has prepared a documentary about the Land Stewardship Blowout the Ozona Chamber hosted last February. With a focus on prescribed fire, wildlife/range management, pollinators, cost-share programs, donkey adoptions, Devils River preservation, protecting night skies, horned lizard habitat management & more, this new video highlights the efforts that Ozona Chamber and local residents are making to ensure our region will continue to be a leader in the world of conservation and environmental care. Stay tuned for more information about this! Thanks again to our LSB sponsors:

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Have You Gotten to Know these New Members Yet?

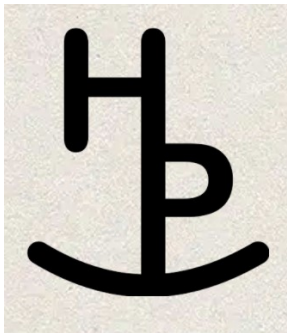


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Help us advertise about our wonderful town! Drop by the Chamber office at 505 15th St. to pick up a bumper sticker (or a few more) to show your pride and help us spread the word about Ozona!

June 14th is Flag Day! Do You Know the Proper Way to Display Your Flag?

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness.

The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions. The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of public institutions, schools during school days, and polling places on election days. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

Other Guidelines to Remember

When carried in procession with other flags the U.S. flag should be either on the marching right (the flag's right) or to the front and center of the flag line. When displayed on a float in a parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free. It should not be draped over a vehicle.

When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the U.S. flag should be on its own right (left to a person facing the wall) and its staff should be in front of the other flag's staff.

In a group of flags displayed from staffs, the U.S. flag should be at the center and the highest point.

When the U.S. flag is displayed other than from a staff, it should be displayed flat, or suspended so that its folds fall free. When displayed over a street, place the union so it faces north or east, depending upon the direction of the street.

When the U.S. flag is displayed from as projecting from a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the unless the flag is at half-staff. When suspended from a rope extending from the building on a pole, the flag should be hoisted out, union first from the building.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top (except during church services conducted at sea by Navy chaplains).

The flag should never be draped or drawn back in folds. Draped red, white and blue bunting should be used for decoration, with the blue at the top and red at the bottom.

The flag may be flown at half-staff to honor a newly deceased federal or state government official by order of the president or the governor, respectively. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon.

Other Things Not to Do with the Flag - Out of respect for the U.S. flag:

Never dip it for any person or thing, even though state flags, regimental colors and other flags may be dipped as a mark of honor.

Never display it with the union down, except as a signal of distress.

Never let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

Never carry it horizontally, but always aloft.

Never fasten or display it in a way that will permit it to be damaged or soiled.

Never place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.

Never use it for holding anything.

Never use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

Never use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Uniformed military members render the military salute. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart. Those who are not U.S. citizens should stand at attention.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Information courtesy of

www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/flagdisplay.pdf

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